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President's Message

by Tracy Ponders



And the Winner?

Like many of you, I was anxious going into Election Night. Not so much because I wanted one candidate to win over the other (I did.), but because of what happened in 2000. We were told that this would be the most divisive election in history, that we wouldn't know who had won the election for months because scores of lawyers would be prosecuting rampant election fraud, and that blood would run in the streets of America. Like you, I was relieved that none of that happened.

The election of 2004 turned out to be no more divisive than any other. The President was re-elected with 51% of the popular vote. But most Presidents are elected with margins that hover just above 50%. Americans have very strong feelings about their Presidents, either loving them or hating them. You want to talk about Presidents who caused divisiveness in the country, lets talk about Teddy Roosevelt, FDR, Truman and Reagan? Heck, no President in the prior 16 years had even been able to convince 50% of Americans to vote for him. And those folks who said that if Bush was re-elected they would move to Canada? They said the same thing in 2000 when he was elected, but the Baldwin Boys are still here, drinking with their Hollywood buddies, and boring us with their political lectures.

In the end, the President kept his job. He was elected to the office by more American citizens than any other President in history. And Mr. Kerry accepted defeat like a gentleman, and conceded the election like a statesman.

I think the only real losers in this election were the scores of lawyers that were hoping to get rich off of the rampant fraud that didn't happen. I guess they'll have to find other work now. But the real winner in this election was Democracy. Blood didn't run in the streets. Only minor glitches occurred in the vote counting process. Scores of new and old voters came to the polls. And America won.

December 11 Meeting

Dallas Symphony Orchestra trumpeter Christopher Still will speak and give demos on Military Bugle and Trumpet Calls from Colonial Times until the present.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call our chapter's 1st VP Tom Whitelock at 214-534-3476.

Compatriot and Chapter Secretary **Charles Baker** spoke at the November 13 meeting on the subject of US Vexillology (How we got our flag). > > > >

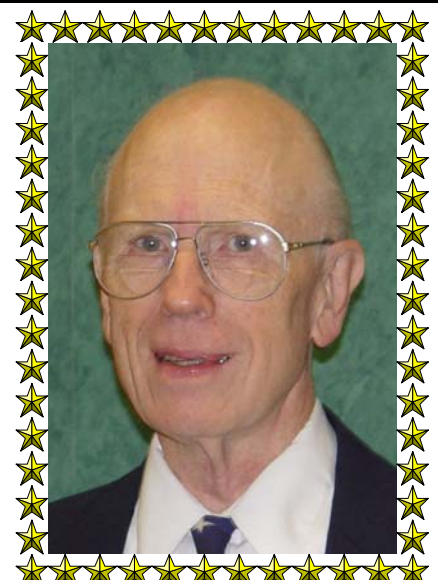
Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 293; 12 pending
Last Meeting: 36 members, 19 guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash:	\$ 1,736.23
Minuteman Fund:	\$8,247.66
Ritchie Fund:	\$26,766.26

Elvin Brown, Treasurer



THE MINUTEMAN is the monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Charles Baker.)

Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 7800 Alpha Road in Dallas, near LBJ & Coit Road. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



Clockwise from Left: November speaker Compatriot **Charles Baker** receives a Minuteman Clock and Certificate from First V.P. **Tom Whitelock**. Compatriot **Grady Fairbairn** is sworn in by **Ralph McDowell**. Compatriot McDowell presents a Large Membership Certificate to **Hank Goldwire** for his long-time service to the Dallas Chapter. Boy Scout Jay Anderson, Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 1010 receives a Flag Certificate from Compatriot **Alan Pickens**, as Scoutmaster Jim Stewart (center) looks on. (Jay had repaired several flagpoles at a Boy Scout camp.) Compatriots **Bob Spence** and **Graham Martin** receive Certificates of Appreciation from **Tom Smith** for helping welcome the troops from Iraq on August 31. (Please see note, bottom of Page 3.)

FCP **Jack Carney** presented the Slate of officers as listed on Page 4, for election on December 11.

To see these pictures in brilliant color, check out our Chapter Website at <http://sardallas.org> While you are there, you can get lots of other useful information. There are links to Chapter Minutes, to the DAR, CAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good info.

Did You Know?

The architrave over the eastern entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court Building in Washington, DC bears the inscription "Justice the Guardian of Liberty." Above it, the Sculpture group by Hermon A. MacNeil features several ancient lawgivers, including Confucius of China, and Solon, the Lawgiver of Athens. The central figure of this sculpture is Moses, the revered prophet of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The inset picture at left shows Moses with the Ten Commandments.

A blustery November 11 morning saw these Color Guardsmen from the North Texas Militia in the coveted #7 position as the first marching unit of the City of Dallas Veterans Day Parade. In front of Banner: Major General **Richard Arnold**; holding the banner: Compatriots **Tom Whitelock** and **Dallas Windham**; other compatriots: **Jack Carney, Arthur Ingalls, Steve Seachord, Mike Radcliff, Tom Smith, Mel McCoy, Ralph McDowell, Peter Rowley, Tracy Pounders, Charles Windham,** and Commander **Charles Baker**.



Welcome the Troops! There is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW Terminal B, Gate 35. Call 972-574-0392 after 5 p.m. to learn the next-day arrival time. **Welcomers are always needed.**

